



Motor City Beemers

Club Newsletter



BMW MOA Club #231

BMW RA Club #209

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All meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 AM.

Next Meeting: August 14, 10:30AM at BMW of Detroit

Following Meeting: September 14th at BMW of Detroit

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THE PREZ SEZ

By the time this newsletter goes to press I will have covered a whole lot of miles and got my first Iron Butt Award, or have spent a lot of time in a repair shop somewhere in these great United States. My plan was to do the Iron Butt Redmond 1000 on the way to the MOA Rally in Redmond, Oregon, then see the USA on my way to the RA Rally in Pownal, Vermont. Only time will tell how it went. I do know that this summer is turning out to have some great riding opportunities. We have had some of the best monthly club rides in the history of this club. This is thanks to so many members that have stepped forward to plan and lead rides. Help make this year and the coming years ones that we will all remember for the great rides and friendships we had with our fellow riders.

Respectfully, John Saarinen

CLUB EVENTS

JULY 10th ZUKEY LAKE RIDE

Just a quick "thank you" to Maury for, once again, taking the time to create another excellent route to a new lunch destination. Despite the heat and humidity, I know all of us enjoyed the ride - I certainly did. Ives, if you had a hand in the route: a tip of the helmet to you as well.



Once we began to parallel the Huron River north of Ann Arbor and head further west, traffic lightened permitting us to really appreciate the curves and bends. Maury led masterfully and with little exception, the group of about 10 stayed intact the entire route. Sure I would have loved to kick the speed up even more around some of those corners but, "no worries, mate" as the Aussie's say. I've always liked group rides for the simple enjoyment of

riding as a group, not blasting off into the horizon. Any of us can do that by ourselves anytime we wish.

Again, a great ride with great friends and a lot of fun.

*Maury, I still
think we should have*



JIM MICK WINS BENT BEEMER DEER SLAYER AWARD

The famous Jim Mick (*of Mick-O-Pegs fame*) won the coveted Bent Beemer for Deer Slayer, and so much more. Last year Jim successfully demonstrated how to clip a deer and still stay on the road. To further show his prowess, he caught a 102 pound Halibut while we were touring Alaska by motorcycle. Having stoked his confidence he attempted to take on a heard of buffalo in the Yukon . . . but the herd turned out to be a lot bigger than first imagined; we'll call that a draw. The next time you see Jim; don't forget to congratulate him on receiving the 2009 Bent Beemer for Deer Slayer.



HELP SUPPORT OUR JUNE FRANKENMUTH CHICKEN RUN!

The club got a pretty good discount this year on the Bavarian Inn chicken dinners. Last year I bought a membership in the Bavarian Inn Rewards program. We used it at last year's dinner and every time Sharon and I went to the Bavarian Inn over the last year. The reward points were used to get the club \$40 off the dinner and an additional \$100 worth of coupons towards the bill. Savings like these will allow us to continue to put on the Bavarian Inn Chicken Dinner. We are asking anyone who is going to Bavarian Inn between now and next June to borrow the rewards card from us and use it when they pay for dinner. This will help us accumulate even more coupons towards the clubs dinner. You can contact me, John Saarinen, by e-mail (jsaarinen@peoplepc.com) or call at 586-677-3234.

MOTOR CITY BEEMER PICNIC SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

Members and associate members: Our annual picnic will be held at the Fort Gratiot County Park, located north of Port Huron on Michigan 25 & Metcalf Rd, Fort Gratiot, Michigan 48059 (810) 989-6960 and is coming up Saturday, September 18th. We start to gather at 11:00 am and the steaks will be served right off the grill at approximately 1:00 pm. The club will supply the steaks, steak sauce, disposable eating utensils, coleslaw, potato salad, and beverages (water and soft drinks). Steaks will be provided by the club for paid up members and associate

members only. We will bring a couple of pounds of hamburger and hot dogs.

If you are planning on attending, please contact Jerry Pokorski (pokorskij@yahoo.com), by Saturday September 12th so we can make sure we have steaks for everyone. If members are bringing their children or guests make sure Jerry knows!!

Everyone attending should bring something to pass (salads, beans, deserts, etc). Some members do bring steak knives, however, in past years the steaks have been so tender the plastic knives cut the steaks....your choice.



Club Rides

OPENINGS FOR MONTHLY CLUB RIDES

We still have three meetings; August, October and November, where no one has volunteered to organize a ride. If you have a restaurant that you like to visit because of its food or ambiance, tell us its name and location. You don't have to lead the ride but it would be helpful if you know a fun route to get there. For the ride; tell us a little bit about the restaurant and provide a route to follow at least a week before the meeting. It can be as simple as a list of turn points or as complicated as a MapQuest map. Bring at least 5 or 6 copies so we can pick ride leaders and break up into smaller groups at the meeting. We would all enjoy going to new places...and in most cases to the same old places. Come on out and help make the club rides the best they can be.

Date	Lunch Ride Location	Ride Planner
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July 29 –August 1	BMW RA National Rally http://www.bmwra.org	
August 14	TBD	(need ride planner)
August 14 -15	Vintage Days - Owosso MI (Click Here)	
August 21	Waldo Ohio - Fried Bologna Sandwich Ride	Rhys Blair
September 11	All You Can Eat Walleye - Peck, Michigan	Jim Mick
September 18	Annual Summer Picnic - Details under club events	
October 9	Ride TBA	(need ride planner)
October 16 & 17	Annual Color Tour Ride to Leggs Inn - 2 day ride - Details TBA	Ken Mitchell Ives Potrafka
November 13	Ride TBA	(need ride planner)
December 11	Polar Bear Ride - Weather Permitting	Dick Hautau

Dinner Rides - Arrive between 6:30-7pm and hungry,

August 4	A J's On The River	6946 Swartout Rd, Marine City
August 11	Lakeville Inn	1318 N Rochester Road, Leonard
August 18	24th Street Sports Tavern	13 S. Washington, Oxford
August 25	Red, Hot & Blue	33800 Van Dyke Ave., Sterling Heights

NEWS FROM THE BEEMERSHIP

For all you dual sport types check out Ted Chandler's Hill Challenge (AMA Dual-sport Adventure Tour) Sept. 25 & 26 in Wolverine, MI. (exit 301 off I-75) at the Sturgeon River Campground. Our own Don Lusk will be participating! Detroit BMW, BMW & KTM will be represented. For more information: www.gldsmc.org / info@gldsmc.org -or- (989) 751-6863.

If visiting the Armada Fair, stop by the Detroit BMW Booth. Volunteers welcomed contact Joel.

Rides

MOA RALLY REDMOND, OREGON JULY 15-18, 2010

The BMW MOA rally in Redmond Oregon was a success. There were over 6700 attendees. The weather was spectacular. The sky was always blue and the temperatures never became extreme. The riding was fantastic. Roads were always smooth and twisty. The area went from the forested mountains to the hilly high desert. The extremes you could encounter on a single ride boggled you mind. Attendees from MCBeemers were: George Yosin, Dick & Sharon Hautau, Larry Turk, Kourtney Thompson, and I.

Most of us went to the Evergreen Aviation Museum. It was spectacular...really worth the entry fee and the almost 3 hour ride to get there. This museum contains the famous Howard Hughes Spruce Goose. He built the airplane for a program during WWII to determine the viability of building troop and armor carrying aircraft out of non-critical materials such as wood. I heard about the Spruce Goose being large, but had no idea what large was until I walked in and see it for yourself. It was entirely made up of plywood custom made from birch. The exterior was then covered with rice paper and several coats of marine varnish with powdered metal mixed in to give it the appearance of being made from metal. Its cargo hold is over 160 feet long and was designed to carry 750 troops and 2 Sherman tanks. They completed construction just following the end of the war. It was flown to demonstrate that it wasn't a boondoggle. Following the flight it was put into a hanger in San Diego and never flown again. They did continue to update the plane and strengthen what were perceived as weak points.

Riding in any direction from the rally took you to twisty roads that rose and fell as you wound your way around the corners. The roads and scenery were great but you had to keep an eye on your fuel supply. This area is pretty remote and there were stretches where you couldn't find a gas station for 120 to 150 miles. Most of the small towns did not have gas stations. As it approached evening many of the mom and pop gas stations would close making some of those stretches even longer. On my trip to Redmond I exited I-84 onto Oregon 20 and had my first experience with the fuel stops. The printed copy of my map quest directions that I took showed it was only 129 miles to Redmond from the I-84 exit. I left I-84 with 3/4 of a tank. After 150 miles, the gas light came on just as I pulled into a larger town. It was already dark and I was shocked to find out it wasn't Redmond. As I rode into town I found everything was closed, including the gas stations and pizza shops. About 3/4 of the way through town, main street curved and I could see a gas station at the far end of town that appeared open. I filled up and found out Redmond was another 150 miles.

On that stretch I picked up speed because there weren't any trees near the road and I could see a good 100 feet off the road with my side lights on. I was sure that I could see the deer in plenty of time to avoid hitting them. However the coyotes, mountain lions and timber wolves could conceal themselves in the underbrush. All three made their appearances . . . a little more excitement than I wanted. With each one I slowed down a little more. Pretty soon I was only doing 30 - 35 mph. It got colder and I needed to stop and put on my jacket liner. However since these-meat eating predators could spring out so close to my bike without me seeing them I decided that stopping would not be a good idea. It was a great to go to the rally. I hope you all get a chance to attend future rallies and to ride the Pacific North West.

YOUR ROAMING REPORTER . . .

John Saarinen

NELSON LEDGES ROAD COURSE



While in Ohio recently, a couple of friends & I rode out to the road course (http://www.motoseries.com/track_nelson.htm) at Nelson Ledges. Nelson Ledges is a two-mile, seven turn road course, with a rich history of sports car and motorcycle road racing.

On this particular weekend a motorcycle club, Moto Series LLC, held a 3-day event for its members (schedule below) that

included track day, classes and several races on Sunday. Spectators were welcome (\$10 a head) and the venue afforded plenty of photo ops for those inclined. Events included everything from vintage to 1000 Super Bikes. The racing was spirited and generally a pleasant day was had by all.

Formerly known as Fasttrax (www.fasttraxlive.com), Moto Series LLC is a member owned club organized, managed, and owned by Nelson Ledges Road Course offering track days, rider education, and racing at various circuits in the Great Lakes Region.

Obtained at the FASTTRAX site . . .

and at Nelson Ledges Road Course

- July 16 Friday Evening Track Day
- July 17 Saturday All Day Track Day/Schools
- July 18 Sunday Sprint and Endurance Racing

STOCKBRIDGE SPORTBIKE RALLY AUGUST 1st



Stockbridge Michigan has hosted a number of motorcycle events in their quaint downtown over the years. This past Sunday the village hosted their annual "Sportbike Rally".

A few emails later and thanks to the efforts of Pete and Maury an ad hoc event was organized. A small group riders in search of a destination met at the Royal Oak

McDonald's at 10 AM on Sunday for a leisurely ride to Stockbridge where we took in the rally and a nice lunch to boot. Although unfortunately Pete couldn't make it we did find his bike . . .



FROM THETANKBAG OF PINK LINGUINI



*So you think **the bike** was expensive? Let's see now; 65 over on northbound Van Dyke during rush hour, no registration, no plate... Yep, Sterling Heights is gonna get that new wing on their library after all!*

"Really officer, I can't ride it? But my shirt matches the bike. What if I promise not to use the siren?" (Much!)



This one's the real deal all right – complete with lights, full instrumentation, custom hard bags and official stickers. And that protective piece of equipment vertically strapped to the back of the bike? Let's just say it's not from Target's toy department.



ROMEO BIKE NIGHT

For those who don't already know The Leather Works in conjunction with local eateries are sponsoring a Bike Night in Romeo each Thursday night during the summer. Last week, Macomb County Sheriff Hackel showed up on his bike. *A little pre-election campaigning; ya' think?!*



MOTOR CITY BEEMERS NAME TAGS

Motor City Beemer name tags are available for purchase at Highest Honor, Inc. Highest Honor, Inc is located at 34711 Dequindre Road, Troy, Michigan 48083. Their shop is just south of 15 Mile Road, on the west side of Dequindre. Herb and Jeff have a die set up with the club logo and can add your name and/or nickname for a cost of only \$8.00.

The easiest way to get your ID tag is to send Jeff an e-mail at: www.jeff@highesthonor.biz. Spell out exactly what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can also call Jeff at 248-588-7845. Tell him what you want on your tag and when you want to pick it up. You can have two lines of text, the first your name, and you can add a nick name as the second.

Join the growing number of members who wear their ID tags proudly with their one of a kind moniker. It will help us to get to know each other. Works a lot better than "Hey you!".

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